



STATE OF MAINE
RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION; NOTICES,
INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORTS TO WORKERS; INSPECTIONS; EMPLOYEE PROTECTION



The Radiation Control Program of the Department of Health and Human Services has adopted regulations in 10-144A CMR 220, which establish standards for your protection against radiation hazards.

YOUR EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

1. Apply these State of Maine Regulations and any conditions of his radioactive materials license to all work involving radiation sources.
2. Post or otherwise make available to you a copy of the regulations, licenses, and operation procedures which apply to work you are engaged in, and explain their provisions to you.
3. Post Notices of Violations involving radiological working conditions proposed impositions of civil penalties and orders.

WHAT IS COVERED BY THESE REGULATIONS

1. Limits on exposure to radiation and radioactive material in restricted and unrestricted areas;
2. Measures to be taken after accidental exposure;
3. Personnel monitoring, surveys and equipment;
4. Caution signs, labels, and safety interlock equipment;
5. Exposure records and reports; and
6. Related matters.

POSTING REQUIREMENTS

Copies of this notice must be posted in a sufficient number of places in every establishment where activities covered by the regulations are conducted to permit employees working in or frequenting any portion of a restricted area to observe a copy on the way to or from their place of employment.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries dealing with matters outlined on this page can be sent to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Engineering, Radiation Control Program, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone (207) 287-5676 and Fax (207) 287-3059. For off hours emergencies call the Maine State Police at (207) 624-7000 and ask to have Radiation Control Program personnel paged with a short message concerning the nature of the emergency and a number where you can be reached.

The radioactive materials license, procedures, conditions, and documents incorporated into the license as well as Part D, "STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION", and Part J, "NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND REPORTS TO WORKERS; INSPECTIONS", of the Maine Rules Relating to Radiation Protection can be found:

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A WORKER

You should familiarize yourself with these provisions of the regulations and operating procedures which apply to work you are engaged in. You should observe their provisions for your protection and the protection of your co-workers.

REPORTS ON YOUR RADIATION EXPOSURE HISTORY

1. The State of Maine regulations require that your employer give you a written report if you receive an exposure in excess of any applicable limit as set forth in the regulations or the license. The basic limits for exposure to employees are set forth in Part D sections 6, 12, and 13 of the regulations. These sections specify limits on exposure to radiation and exposure to concentrations of radioactive material in the air and water.
2. If you work where personnel monitoring is required pursuant to Part D. 18;
 - (a) Your employer must give you a written report of your radiation exposure upon termination of your employment; and
 - (b) Your employer must advise you annually of your exposure to radiation.

INSPECTION

All licensed or registered activities are subject to inspection by representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, under Part J.7 of the regulations, any worker or representative of workers who believes that there is a violation of the Rules Relating to Radiation Protection or the terms of the violation of the employer's license or registration with regard to radiological working conditions in which the worker is engaged, may request an inspection by sending a notice of the alleged violation to the Radiation Control Program. The request must set forth the specific grounds for the notice, and must be signed by the worker or the representative of the workers. Agency inspectors may confer privately with the workers, and any worker may bring to the attention of the inspectors any past or present condition, which he believes, contributed to or caused and violation as described above.